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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FORMING VESSEL BODY AND
THUS FORMED VESSEL BODY

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 11, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 11, 2002 of the Primary Examiner.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection was filed on March 3, 2003.
2. A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
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In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

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